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1. On 8 November 1952, the Alte Kaserne on Stalin Strasse, Parchim, was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 7 November, about 1,200 personnel, including 50 wearing crimson epaulets and 50 women, marched to a wreath ceremony. On 7 November, 15 to 20 T-34/85 tanks and about 12 x 37-mm AT guns were seen in the installation. Troops observed in the barracks area and on the airfield mostly engaged in infantry training and, several details, in digging antitank ditches. Motor vehicles seen en route from and to the installation.

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- 25X12. On 20 October, three tanks were in the Alte Kaserne in Parchim.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Comment. with the designation Alte Kaserne, probably referred to the entire installation, consisting of Alte Kaserne and Neue Kaserne. Information contained in the present report confirm the 60th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div carried in Parchim. The AAA unit is mentioned for the first time. There is a possibility that the 251st AAA Regt (US) of the 18th Mecz Div carried in Perleberg changed its quarters with the 33d Tank Regt (US) of the 18th Mecz Div now carried in Perleberg upon return from the maneuvers in October 1952. In this connection, a report of May 1952, according to which 12 x 55-mm AA guns of an unidentified unit entered the installation, appears noteworthy. The AA guns observed possibly were the medium AA guns of the AAA regiment which thus is now believed stationed in Parchim.

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